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SUBJECT: QUAI TIDBITS ON ANGOLA

1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA HAREL COMMENTED TO EMBOFF JAN. 19 THAT THE APPARENT ROUT OF FNLA FORCES BY THE MPLA WAS LIKELY TO REVERSE RAPIDLY THE MODERATE AFRICAN WILL TO RESIST THE MPLA WHICH HAD BEEN BOLSTERED BY THE RESULTS OF THE MODERATES' PERFORMANCE AT THE OAU SUMMIT. HE EXPRESSED PESSIMISM THAT MUCH COULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION BUT SAID THE FRENCH ARE STILL TRYING. INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN SENT TO AMBASSADORS IN A NUMBER OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO URGE HOST GOVERNMENTS, ASSUMING THEY STILL WISH TO AVOID AN MPLA (READ SOVIET) DOMINATED ANGOLA, QUICKLY TO CONCERT THEIR EFFORTS TO PERSUADE THE RELATIVELY OPEN-MINDED GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE RECOGNIZED THE MPLA, E.G. TANZANIA, OF THE MERITS

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OF A SOLUTION NEGOTIATED AMONG THE THREE MOVEMENTS.

2. THE QUAI REMAINS DOUBTFUL ABOUT THE SINCERITY OF HINTS THE SOVIETS MIGHT BE WILLING TO ACCEPT AN ACCOMMODATION AMONG THE THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. IT ALSO DISCOUNTS THE LIKELIHOOD OF THE MPLA'S CARRYING THE BATTLE DIRECTLY INTO ZAIRE. HAREL WONDERED ALOUD WHAT THE LATTER MIGHT HAVE IN MIND FOR UNSC ACTION IN NEW YORK, NOTING THAT THE CURRENT COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL WOULD HARDLY FAVOR KINSHASA'S THESES. FINALLY, HAREL SHOWED DISAPPOINTMENT AND IRRITATION WITH THE BRITISH ASSESSMENT OF ANGOLA AND APPARENT LACK OF CONCERN ABOUT AN MPLA VICTORY.
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